

The Office Action relies on White ¶37 as teaching “a method where the source created a list of destination requesting the *retransmission* of message that have been received with *error*.” (emphasis added). White ¶37, however, is not related to resending information after notice of reception error, and in fact does not mention “errors” or “retransmission” at any point. Instead, the paragraph is related to initial transmissions that involve “destinations which require multiple hops in an ad-hoc peer-to-peer network environment.” ¶37, lines 2-3. The purpose of the embodiment described in White ¶37 is to improve the efficiency of Multicast-Broadcast transmissions by organizing destinations into tree-structure groups. Messages that are sent via broadcast are received by top nodes of the tree structures. The top nodes check to see if they (the top node) are an intended recipient, or if any of their subordinate nodes in their respective trees are intended recipients. If neither is true, the message is discarded. The purpose of this feature is to reduce the size of the transmission by lowering the number of addresses appearing in the header. It should be clear that there is no error list checking described here and no “retransmission.” The Office Action’s assertion of a created “list of destinations requesting the retransmission of message that has been received with error” is simply not taught by White.

As White does not teach the limitations of claim 1, the claim is therefore allowable over White. Independent claims 6, 10, 15 and 20 recite similar limitations and are allowable over White as well. Claims 4, 7, 11, 13, 18, 21 and 21 depend from the above listed independent claims and are allowable over White along with the independent claims and on their own merits. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, 19, 22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over White in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,334,161 to Suzuki et al. (“Suzuki”). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, 19, 22 and 24 depend from independent claims 1, 6, 10, 15 and 20 and are allowable over White along with the independent claims at least for the reasons presented above. Suzuki is cited for the purpose of teaching isochronous and asynchronous transmission modes and fails to cure the deficiencies of White. Claims 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 17, 19, 22

and 24 are therefore allowable over the combination of White and Suzuki. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejection be withdrawn and the claims allowed

In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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